

What Good is a College Education Anyway? The Value of a College Education

Questioning whether you should go to college? Here are five ways that a college education will make you a better person:

1. It will likely make you more prosperous (more money!).
2. It will give you a better quality of life.*
3. It will give you the power to change the world.
4. It will be something you can pass on to your children.
5. It makes you a major contributor to your community, state, country, and the world.

*Quality of life. Is there anyone who wouldn't like to live a longer, healthier life? Studies show that, compared to high-school graduates, college graduates have:

- longer life spans;
- better access to health care;
- better dietary and health practices;
- greater economic stability and security;
- more prestigious employment and greater job satisfaction;
- less dependency on government assistance;
- more continuing education;
- greater Internet access;
- greater attendance at live performances;
- greater participation in leisure and artistic activities;
- more book purchases;
- higher voting rates;
- greater knowledge of government;
- greater community service and leadership;
- more volunteer work;
- more self-confidence; and,
- less criminal activity and incarceration.

